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TAGS: EGEN, KS
SUBJECT: GULF OIL POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS
1. ROK MEDIA THUS FAR HAVE AVOIDED ANY MENTION WHATSOEVEROF GULF OIL CONTRIBUTIONS TO PRESIDENT PAK'S POLITICAL CAMPAIGNS. ROKG HAS QUITE CLEARLY KILLED STORY, AND UNDER EMERGENCY MEASURE 9 CIRCUMSTANCES, ITS ORDERS LIKELY TO BE OBSERVED.

2. STORY, HOWEVER, WHICH HAS BEEN FEATURED ON AFKN AND IN STARS AND STRIPES, IS WIDELY KNOWN BY SEOUL INTELLECTUALS. INITIAL REACTIONS THAT WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO PICK UP INDICATE THAT ISSUE HAS ENGENDERED LITTLE SURPRISE. ALTHOUGH AMOUNTS OF CONTRIBUTIONS LARGE BY KOREAN STANDARDS, POLITICAL CAMPAIGNS IRREGULARITIES ARE TAKEN FOR GRANTED.

3. GIVEN WIDESPREAD KNOWLEDGE OF STORY THERE IS SLIGHT POSSIBILITY THAT ROKG MAY FEEL OBLIGED TO PUT OUT ITS OWN VERSION.
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